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Office of Early Learning and Intervention – School Improvement Grant Team:

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SIG Team Office Updates

Onsite SIG Highlights

The IDOE SIG Team has recently completed all of their onsite visits for the first school semester. Below we have shared highlights we have seen from each cohort:

Cohort Four:

- Ideas put into place for sustainability of programs at school
- Family coordinator making home visits with school activity bags
- Teachers have become more confident in their instruction and data analysis

Cohort Five:

- Committee formed by community members to assist school
- Fall Festival night for parent involvement and student learning
- University partnerships providing social and emotional support to school

Cohort Six:

- Each student having a data binder at school for all subjects
- Data walls created for each grade level
- Behavior program -- LiveSchool app utilized at school and home

Data Dashboard Snapshot

Cohorts Four and Five have recently submitted their first submission of Data Dashboards. We wanted to provide our SIG schools with a brief snapshot of what we have discovered looking at all Data Dashboards this far in the school year.

Staff and Student Data

Cohorts 4 & 5	Teacher Total Count	Total Student Count	Minutes in School Day	Daily Math Minutes	Daily ELA Minutes
Elementary	19	389	360	60	90
Elementary	20	263	360	90	160
Elementary	31	368	420	60	120
Elementary	33	356	435	90	120
Elementary	29	--	435	90	120
Middle School	26	445	425	117	117
Middle School	30	529	329	47	47
Middle School	40	429	430	47	94
Middle School	37	601	440	50	100

**7/9 schools
submitted FACE
and ELT data**

**6/9 schools
submitted their Data
Dashboard on time**

**8/9 schools utilize a
behavior program
at their school**



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Resources and Other Points of Interest

Resources

Data Dashboard:

To check out a sample Data Dashboard --[click here](#).

Please complete the survey to provide feedback on Data Dashboard 2.0. --[click here](#).

SIG Google+ Community:

We take feedback seriously from our SIG schools on how to improve and communicate. Please [click here](#) to find our newly created SIG Google+ Community. Share this page with your administration team and teachers to network with schools and share as much as you want.

School Improvement Grant and Intervention School PD and Networking Day: SIG and TSO networking session is meant to bring school leadership teams and central office staff together to provide direction and key strategies to improve student achievement as your school continues with turnaround efforts. Please make sure to register if you haven't already -- [REGISTER HERE](#).

Other Points of Interest

ESEA Flexibility Waiver Related News:

The United States Department of Education granted Indiana a three-year extension of its waiver from some of the provisions of federal legislation known as No Child Left Behind. Among other things, the waiver will give more local control and greater flexibility to schools over how they utilize federal dollars. The three-year waiver is the longest such waiver in state history. See the attached [press release](#) to learn more. A copy of the waiver application can be found [here](#).

Preliminary A-F Grades:

The State Board of Education is scheduled to officially place schools in grade categories at their meeting on January 19, 2016. Before that happens, schools have the opportunity to request an A-F audit of their data. The audit window will open as soon as grades are posted in Learning Connection and close on December 15, 2015. For instructions regarding how to submit an audit and the required documentation, please see the [attached guidance](#). For information regarding how to access your report card on Learning connection, please [click here](#).

STLC's Blog: Turnaround in Action- features your Indiana Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and Intervention. Select the link to read our monthly blog:

<http://www.schoolturnaroundsupport.org/blog/seek-first-understand>



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Highlights

SIG Newsletter Feature:

Do you have something you would like to highlight for your school? Contact Audrey at acarnahan@doe.in.gov to be featured in a newsletter and on the IDOE website.

Other IN Title I Promising Practices here:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/promising-practices-title-i-schools>

SIG 1003g Website:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/title-i-school-improvement-grants>

Indiana Summit on Out-of-School Learning –The 2016 Summit brings together youth programs and community partners to connect, learn new ideas, access valuable resources, and transform learning beyond the school day for Indiana youth. The event will be held at the Indiana Convention Center on Monday April 11, 2016 - Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Register as soon as possible to learn more about outstanding after school programs. [Click here to register.](#)

LifeChanger of the Year is an annual program, sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation that honors K-12 public and private school educators and employees from around the country who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. [Nominating](#) someone is easy to do. There is no cost, Additional details are included in the LifeChanger of the Year Holiday Campaign [press release](#).

2016 Teachers As Artists Exhibit Submit art for upcoming Teachers as Artists 2-D and 3-D Juried Art Exhibit, sponsored by AEAI, IPAPA and Hunts Remedy. The competition is open to all Indiana teachers/artists K-college level. Submit jpegs by Feb 6, 2016. Request application and guidelines: sandyhall68@sbcglobal.net or www.aeai.org/exhibition --Creative Arts and Event Center, 2 W. Main St., Greenfield IN. 46140.

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- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [West Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Wabash Valley Education Service Center](#)
- [Wilson Education Center ESC Region 2](#)